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Kapa'a man arrested for Attempted Murder after shooting neighbor

KAPAA – A Kapa'a man was arrested Sunday afternoon after he allegedly shot his roommate early Sunday morning.

Jeffrey S. Simpson, age 57, of Kapa'a, is being held in police custody on suspicion of second-degree Attempted Murder and two counts of Reckless Endangering. His bail is set at \$1 million.

The incident began shortly after midnight on Saturday, when police were called to a home on Kamalu Road in Wailua Homesteads after residents heard shots fired.

Police arrived to the home to find the victim, a 52-year-old Kapa'a man, lying on the floor of his bedroom with multiple gunshot wounds. The victim lives in the home with several adult roommates, one of which is Simpson, who was identified as the suspect.

Simpson was not at the home when police arrived to the scene and detectives searched for him throughout Sunday morning. By Sunday afternoon, Simpson had made contact with police and arranged to turn himself in.

Simpson was booked at the Lihu'e police station at approximately 2:55 p.m. He is expected to be arraigned in court on Wednesday.

The victim was initially transported by medics to Wilcox Hospital, but was later medevaced to Queen's Hospital in serious but stable condition.

Police continue their investigation of this incident. The public is reminded that all individuals are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

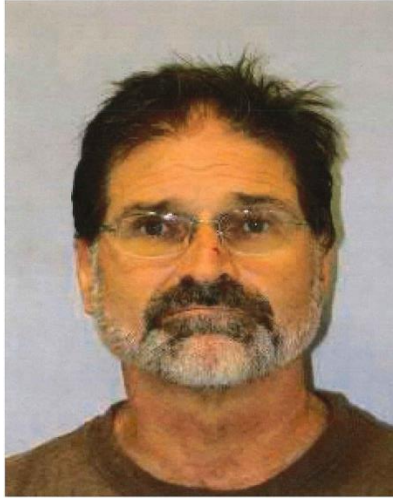


PHOTO: Jeffrey Simpson, age 57, of Kapa‘a, was arrested on Sunday.

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